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Dear Mr. Friedman:

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Please stop requiring cruel and obsolete animal tests for pharmaceuticals and instead allow the companies to substitute *in vitro* tests for the safety of both humans and animals.

Do you really not see how attitudes advocating violent activities of this sort result ultimately in those that lead to the Columbine killings in Littleton, Colorado?

I deeply resent having my tax dollars spent on such **unconscionable** cruelty! Please insist on the many cruelty-free tests that are available to do the work of the FDA.

Sincerely,

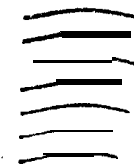
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